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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Appln. No.: Not Yet Assigned

Group Art Unit: 0000

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Examiner: Unknown

For: METHOD OF PREPARING BIOLOGICAL MATERIALS  
AND PREPARATIONS PRODUCED USING SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Amended) A method of preparing products comprising moisture-sensitive biologically active ingredients comprising at least the steps:

- (i) providing a coating liquid comprising at least one moisture-sensitive biologically active ingredient, a sugar polymer and a water soluble/miscible solvent;
- (ii) providing microparticles comprising at least water soluble gel forming solid particles;
- (iii) fluidizing said microparticles within a processing chamber of a suitable apparatus to form a fluidized bed of said microparticles;